



Self-Advocates in Leadership (SAIL) is a group of over 200 people with developmental disabilities interested in shaping public policy in Washington State.



**We are your constituents!**

**We want to SHARE our experiences with you!**

**As SAIL we will be advocating for these issues as our top priorities! We look forward to talking to you about them!**

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A statewide group of people  
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## **2017 Legislative Agenda**



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# Priorities of SAIL

## Close DD Institutions and Increase and Improve Community Supports

Support the closure of state institutions (Residential Habilitation Centers or RHC) for people with developmental disabilities and create the best living environment for people. Many other states have made the bold step of closing their institutions and providing supports to people in their local communities. We believe Washington State should do the same!



## Accessible Housing needs to be affordable and available to all people who need it



We believe every person who wants housing deserves that right. Homelessness is not an acceptable situation, no matter who you are. People with disabilities struggle to find accessible housing. Accessible housing needs to be available and apart of every community. Accessible housing should be affordable and close to community resources and public transportation.

## For 2017, SAIL has chosen these issues as our top priorities.

### Supported Decision making should be an alternative to guardianship

Supported decision making allows people with disabilities to receive assistance making life choices while remaining independent and in control. We believe that we need this available for people as an alternative to guardianship and institionlisation

### Improve the Mental Health System

We need to support people who are experiencing mental health needs. We support funding SOLA's for people in the DSHS budget along with community based resources.



### End Subminimum Wage



People with developmental disabilities deserve to make a fair wage when we work. Washington should establish policies within our state that promote competitive integrated employment at or above minimum wage for people with all disabilities.

### Maintain and Improve the Developmental Disabilities Administration budget

In this budget year we would like to stress that the DDA services we receive are essential for our lives! We support funding for transition students, and funds to keep people living in the community free from isolation.



### Increase Community Residential Provider pay rate

Many people living in the community use Community Residential Services. The current pay rate causes high turnover and low staffing. This restricts the life people can live. This pay increase will benefit the workers and the people they serve.